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DAS Contract Information

The following contracts were issued over the last 10 days.

Contract Number:	Contract Name:	For:	Contract Term:
<u>08PSX0195</u>	2.5 Cubic Yard, All Wheel Drive, Diesel- Powered Loaders John Deere, 444k	Department of Transportation	December 16, 2008 through September 30, 2010
<u>08PSX0254</u>	Research and compile sales data for televisions, computers, computer monitors and printers.	Department of Environmental Protection	For a period of one year from date of Contract Award
<u>08PSX0114</u>	Police Supplies	All Using State of Connecticut Agencies All Political Subdivisions of the State of Connecticut	Date of Award through June 30, 2013
<u>08PSX0236</u>	Bridge Repair Materials	Department of Transportation, All Using State Agencies, and Political Subdivisions	Date of Award through November 30, 2010
<u>08PSX0288</u>	Snow Removal Services for DPW	Department of Public Works	December 10, 2008 through April 30, 2012
<u>08PSX0277</u>	Soil Boring for Subsurface geotechnical explorations	Department of Transportation	December 8, 2008 through November 28, 2009

Contracts Expiring

Did you know that our state contracts are reviewed one to three months prior to the actual expiration date? Click on the list of "Contracts Issued/Expiring In Last/Next 30/60/90/120 Days." Choose the radio button marked "Expiring Contracts" and select the time frame. Then click "Get Contracts," That's all there is to it! [Contract Search](#)

Bid Notice Postings

To view the entire DAS bid notice listing, click on the following hyperlink to go to our web page [DAS Bid Notices](#).

Certification Central

Search for Small/Minority Companies

This feature allows you to create a list of vendors using specific criteria. Each category you select will further define your list. Typing in Keywords will give you a list of all currently certified vendors that contain those words in their product description or goods/ services for which the vendor is certified.

<http://www.biznet.ct.gov/DASOpenAccess/SupplierDiversity/SDSearch.aspx>

Questions regarding the Supplier Diversity Program can be directed to Meg Yetishfsky, Supplier Diversity Manager, at Meg.Yetishfsky@ct.gov or 860-713-5228.

Catalog Shopping?

Use this link to access the listing of vendors, contract numbers and contract names that have been loaded into the [Core-CT](#) catalog.

Contracting Portal at 10 years Old

Although Governor Rell issued Executive order number 3 in December 2004, DAS' state contracting portal has been alive – in some form or another – for ten years.

Originally conceived as a way to share contracts electronically within the DAS procurement office in 1997, the technology and ingenuity of state employees has grown the DAS Contracting Portal into the one stop source for state contracts. Today, the Portal provides transparent access to contracts, vendor information, and the plethora of resources and pieces of the puzzle that make up state contracting.

“We knew our use of the internet was unique, but we never realized how quickly the demand for electronic access to all our information would catch on like wild fire,” said DAS' John Pacholski, one of the original developers of what would later become the State Portal. “What's really amazing is that the fundamental ideas we had 10 years ago are still being applied today.”

The Portal grew to include other state agencies and eventually reached vendors in the private section. The immediate benefit was the reduction in mailings and postage. “DAS Contracting Specialist Joe Giliberto said, “Compared to the old fashioned way of mailing out contracts to vendors, we saved \$250,000 in printing, copying and mailing in 1998.”

It wasn't pretty. Typewriters will still be the tool of the trade and there was only one computer that had to be manually programmed to send emails to vendors. Also, many vendors didn't even have computers and were very leery of trying this new system.

In March of 1999 DAS Procurement posted its first bid online. “Before we had our moment in cyberspace we spent most of 1998 standardizing our forms and formulas to make the process work,” said Pacholski.

“We take it for granted today that everything is on the web,” said Giliberto, “But when we first started doing this, and started to make headway, we got a lot of notice in local and national trade magazines all waiting to see if this was going to work. It's

exciting to look back at how far we've come with the portal.”

Early in 2000, DAS Procurement let towns and municipalities use the website. “By then, usage of the portal was beginning to become commonplace and the towns had been asking for an easier way to access state bids and contracts for years. This seemed to really quench their need for information. This gave them access to money saving state contracts instead of doing all the research; they could use our state contracts,” said Giliberto.

And coming soon in early 2009, Procurement will be rolling out the new portal. The new portal design will allow additional flexibility for agency and towns to manage their own accounts, allow multiple documents and document formats, and will have an approval process. DAS' Dan Sears and Dana Soderlund from MIS along with Mellissa Christensen and Joe Giliberto are working on the new portal.

P-Card Scams

For those employees who have agency Procurement credit cards (P-Cards), please be suspicious of any emails that are claiming to be JPMorgan Chase Bank or any other bank that asks for verification of account information. Some messages also promise to deposit money into your account just for participating. These are not legitimate emails.

Please spread the word to your cardholders to NEVER REPLY or open the links to any of these types of emails.

It's always best to just delete it. If it's legitimate, our bank representative, Greg Powell will send us a notice that we need to respond to something.

If you have any questions, please contact DAS P-Card Program Coordinator Kerry DiMatteo at 713-5072.